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Quarterly Population Highlights

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B.C. HIGHLIGHTS:

The population of B.C. was estimated at 4,666,892 as of April 1, 2015, growing by 7,620 persons in the first quarter of 2015 (an increase of 0.16% from January 1, 2015). Combined net migration from all sources (interprovincial and international) produced a net gain of 6,121 during the first three months of 2015. Net interprovincial in-migration totalled 3,806 persons in the first quarter. The first quarter of 2015 saw a net gain due to net international migration (+2,315), in large part due to the number of immigrants (+6,766). Finally, a natural increase (births minus deaths) of 1,499 positively impacted population growth in the first quarter.

B.C. population January 1, 2015		**4,659,272**
Interprovincial migration		+ 3,806
Add interprovincial arrivals	+14,162	
Minus interprovincial exits	−10,356	
International migration		+ 2,315
Add immigrants	+ 6,766	
Minus total net emigrants	− 3,356	
Net change in non-permanent residents	− 1,095	
Natural change		+ 1,499
Add births	+10,571	
Minus deaths	− 9,072	
Net Change		+ 7,620
B.C. population April 1, 2015		**4,666,892**

THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS:

B.C.'s total population increase over the twelve months ending March 31, 2015 was 50,266 persons (+1.1%), largely due to international migration. On an annual basis, immigrants (+32,365) and non-permanent residents (+8,368) were the main providers of population growth for the province. Interprovincial migration accounted for a net gain of 12,550 persons from April 1, 2014 to April 1, 2015. Consequently, four-fifths (+40,064) of population growth since April 1, 2014 could be attributed to net migration from all sources. The remainder was due to the natural increase (+10,202).

NATIONAL OVERVIEW:

The population of Canada grew by 46,893 persons (+0.13%) to 35,749,600 during the first quarter of 2015. Leading the growth at the provincial and territorial level were Yukon (+0.55%) followed by Nunavut (+0.50%) and Alberta (+0.37%). Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec saw smaller population increases while the remainder of the provinces and territories reported small declines.

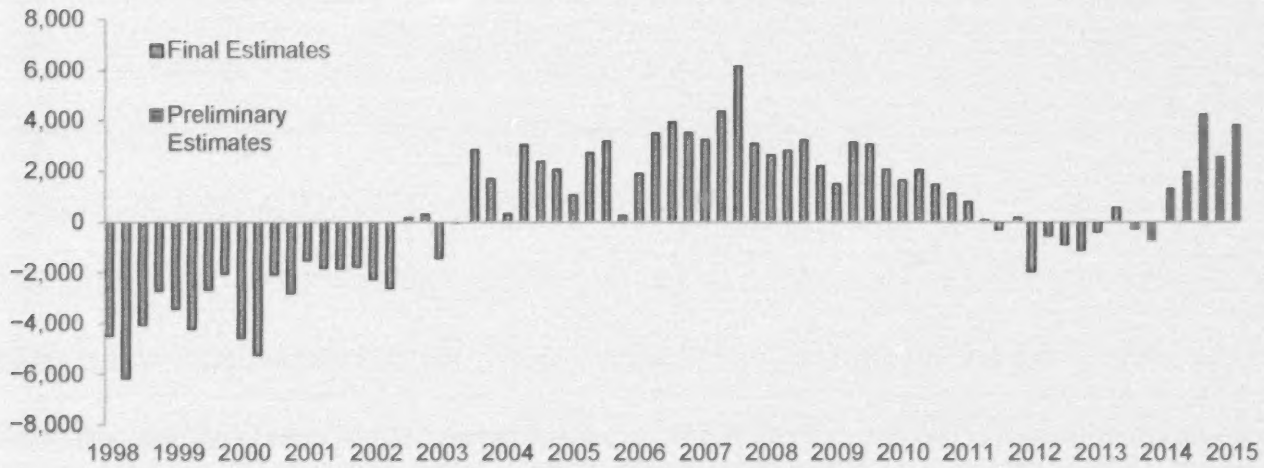
FIRST QUARTER INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION:

Net international in-migration to British Columbia (*immigrants plus the net change in non-permanent residents plus returning emigrants less emigrants and persons temporarily abroad*) registered a net gain in the first quarter, totalling 2,315. This is a noticeable decrease from the same quarter of 2014 when a net gain of 8,691 was reported. The total number of immigrants arriving in British Columbia from January 1 to March 31 (+6,766) was down compared to the same three months in 2014 (+9,561). The net loss in non-permanent residents (–1,095) is the first such first-quarter drop in over 15 years. As for persons leaving B.C. for international destinations, an estimated 2,902 left on a permanent basis and 1,331 were away temporarily in the first quarter of 2015, unchanged from the same period in 2014.

FIRST QUARTER INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRATION:

British Columbia was one of three provinces and territories that reported a net gain in population from other Canadian jurisdictions in the first quarter of 2015. In B.C. an inflow of 14,162 persons was offset by an outflow of 10,356 for a net population gain of 3,806. British Columbia's net exchange with Alberta was positive, with an estimated 1,118 more persons leaving Alberta for B.C. than those going to Alberta from British Columbia. In addition, B.C. reported positive net in-migration from Ontario (+882), Saskatchewan (+557), Manitoba (+534), Quebec (+436), New Brunswick (+143) and Northwest Territories (+140). B.C. also received small positive gains from Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Yukon. Alberta was the biggest net recipient in the first quarter of 2015 with a net gain of 6,732 interprovincial migrants, followed by B.C. with a net gain of 3,806. Yukon was the only other jurisdiction to post a net gain (+152).

B.C. NET INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRATION BY QUARTER, Q1 1998 TO Q1 2015



[Source: Statistics Canada. Table 051-0017 Interprovincial migrants, Canada, provinces and territories, CANSIM. Last updated May 28, 2015.]

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DID YOU KNOW?

A census metropolitan area (CMA) or a census agglomeration (CA) is formed by one or more adjacent municipalities centred on a population centre (known as the core). A CMA must have a total population of at least 100,000 of which 50,000 or more must live in the core.

A CA must have a core population of at least 10,000. To be included in the CMA or CA, other adjacent municipalities must have a high degree of integration with the core, as measured by commuting flows derived from previous census place of work data.

If the population of the core of a CA declines below 10,000, the CA is retired. However, once an area becomes a CMA, it is retained as a CMA even if its total population declines below 100,000 or the population of its core falls below 50,000. Small population centres with a population count of less than 10,000 are called fringe. All areas inside the CMA or CA that are not population centres are rural areas.

When a CA has a core of at least 50,000, it is subdivided into census tracts. Census tracts are maintained for the CA even if the population of the core subsequently falls below 50,000. All CMAs are subdivided into census tracts.

BC currently has four CMAs and 21 CAs. Of the latter, 17 have no census tracts. Nationwide there are 151 CMA/CAs.

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Table 1: Provincial migration flow (Jan - Apr, 2015)

Origin \ Destination	Nfld	PEI	NS	NB	Que	Ont	Man	Sask	Alta	BC	Yukon	NWT	Nvt
Nfld	—	53	367	213	53	466	29	45	1,203	83	—	13	—
PEI	31	—	207	115	—	180	—	21	248	37	19	19	—
NS	289	137	—	626	108	1,104	75	152	1,560	385	—	124	14
NB	71	104	633	—	230	1,016	28	47	1,004	222	—	61	—
Que	48	18	65	353	—	3,706	60	119	1,705	581	35	5	45
Ont	683	185	1,118	701	2,710	—	1,052	1,249	7,495	3,272	53	157	144
Man	5	17	66	87	74	1,049	—	718	1,703	1,164	—	41	5
Sask	44	—	172	52	50	859	663	—	3,055	1,192	28	24	—
Alta	894	78	906	551	718	4,318	776	2,210	—	6,998	71	139	22
BC	163	—	359	79	145	2,390	630	635	5,880	—	37	32	6
Yukon	—	—	28	—	12	—	22	—	68	56	—	—	—
NWT	71	—	93	—	—	139	—	—	474	172	95	—	122
Nvt	—	—	18	10	35	149	53	29	18	—	—	50	—
Inflow	2,299	592	4,032	2,787	4,135	15,376	3,388	5,225	24,413	14,162	338	665	358
Outflow	2,525	877	4,574	3,416	6,740	18,819	4,929	6,139	17,681	10,356	186	1,166	362
Net interprovincial	- 226	- 285	- 542	- 629	- 2,605	- 3,443	- 1,541	- 914	6,732	3,806	152	- 501	- 4
Net international										2,315			
Total net										6,121			

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Table 2: Quarterly components of population change in British Columbia

		Interprovincial			International												
Year	Quarter	In	Out	Net	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net NPR	Temporary abroad	Returning emigrants	Net	Total net migration	Births	Deaths	Natural increase	Total increase	Population at end of quarter	Annual growth rate (%)
1996	1	12,402	8,785	3,617	12,197	856	1,777	632	503	12,989	16,606	11,550	7,210	4,340	20,946	3,849,847	2.6
1996	2	17,376	11,771	5,605	12,966	1,207	567	728	587	12,585	18,190	11,927	6,783	5,144	23,334	3,874,317	2.6
1996	3	20,735	14,894	5,841	14,724	2,610	1,787	1,849	1,349	13,401	19,242	11,783	6,305	5,478	24,720	3,899,256	2.5
1996	4	12,215	9,480	2,735	12,138	1,603	- 941	1,429	477	8,642	11,377	10,878	7,240	3,638	15,015	3,914,490	2.3
	Total	62,728	44,930	17,798	52,025	6,276	3,190	4,638	3,316	47,617	65,415	46,138	27,538	18,600	84,015		
1997	1	11,521	11,031	490	13,329	1,269	1,138	1,289	470	12,379	12,869	10,898	7,415	3,483	16,352	3,931,056	2.1
1997	2	14,961	14,147	814	13,044	1,775	832	1,501	780	11,380	12,194	11,755	6,639	5,116	17,310	3,948,583	1.9
1997	3	18,855	17,771	1,084	12,782	3,193	1,055	1,941	1,080	9,783	10,867	11,421	6,413	5,008	15,875	3,964,677	1.7
1997	4	8,692	9,100	- 408	8,693	1,882	- 1,108	1,455	528	4,776	4,368	10,503	6,945	3,558	7,926	3,972,821	1.5
	Total	54,029	52,049	1,980	47,848	8,119	1,917	6,186	2,858	38,318	40,298	44,577	27,412	17,165	57,463		
1998	1	10,657	15,162	- 4,505	9,149	1,355	- 503	1,260	515	6,546	2,041	10,608	7,773	2,835	4,876	3,977,912	1.2
1998	2	13,320	19,520	- 6,200	9,832	1,760	- 718	1,411	934	6,877	677	11,055	6,747	4,308	4,985	3,983,113	0.9
1998	3	13,872	17,961	- 4,089	9,615	3,486	1,421	2,011	1,117	6,656	2,567	11,094	6,542	4,552	7,119	3,990,451	0.7
1998	4	8,639	11,366	- 2,727	7,394	1,816	- 311	1,411	445	4,301	1,574	10,315	6,916	3,399	4,973	3,995,643	0.6
	Total	46,488	64,009	- 17,521	35,990	8,417	- 111	6,093	3,011	24,380	6,859	43,072	27,978	15,094	21,953		
1999	1	8,515	11,951	- 3,436	8,180	1,296	1,032	1,224	555	7,247	3,811	10,243	7,478	2,765	6,576	4,002,433	0.6
1999	2	12,274	16,506	- 4,232	9,085	1,850	2,043	1,423	996	8,851	4,619	10,935	6,829	4,106	8,725	4,011,375	0.7
1999	3	14,999	17,681	- 2,682	10,175	3,709	2,944	1,946	971	8,435	5,753	10,782	6,528	4,254	10,007	4,021,600	0.8
1999	4	7,781	9,844	- 2,063	8,666	2,133	- 1,431	1,441	450	4,111	2,048	9,979	7,182	2,797	4,845	4,026,664	0.8
	Total	43,569	55,982	- 12,413	36,106	8,988	4,588	6,034	2,972	28,644	16,231	41,939	28,017	13,922	30,153		
2000	1	9,272	13,871	- 4,599	8,610	1,546	1,950	1,253	396	8,157	3,558	10,162	7,282	2,880	6,438	4,033,319	0.8
2000	2	11,413	16,679	- 5,266	9,495	2,092	260	1,428	732	6,967	1,701	10,682	6,688	3,994	5,695	4,039,230	0.7
2000	3	15,001	17,096	- 2,095	10,316	3,517	2,320	2,002	956	8,073	5,978	10,378	6,508	3,870	9,848	4,049,297	0.7
2000	4	8,323	11,146	- 2,823	8,992	1,939	75	1,444	385	6,069	3,246	9,450	6,983	2,467	5,713	4,055,229	0.7
	Total	44,009	58,792	- 14,783	37,413	9,094	4,605	6,127	2,469	29,266	14,483	40,672	27,461	13,211	27,694		
2001	1	8,597	10,134	- 1,537	9,428	1,375	2,402	1,244	385	9,596	8,059	9,941	7,311	2,630	10,689	4,066,132	0.8
2001	2	11,417	13,248	- 1,831	10,807	1,748	2,113	1,376	742	10,538	8,707	10,598	7,013	3,585	12,292	4,076,881	0.9
2001	3	16,029	17,902	- 1,873	10,529	5,031	4,922	1,512	1,421	10,329	8,456	10,444	6,794	3,650	12,106	4,085,760	0.9
2001	4	8,365	10,152	- 1,787	7,720	3,261	239	1,057	699	4,340	2,553	9,592	7,244	2,348	4,901	4,087,435	0.8
	Total	44,408	51,436	- 7,028	38,484	11,415	9,676	5,189	3,247	34,803	27,775	40,575	28,362	12,213	39,988		
2002	1	9,244	11,516	- 2,272	9,573	1,530	2,703	1,006	617	10,357	8,085	9,605	7,672	1,933	10,018	4,094,296	0.7
2002	2	13,521	16,145	- 2,624	10,202	1,943	297	1,364	1,186	8,378	5,754	10,291	6,989	3,302	9,056	4,100,161	0.6
2002	3	16,089	15,936	153	7,992	4,615	3,746	1,497	1,747	7,373	7,526	10,470	6,854	3,616	11,142	4,108,076	0.5
2002	4	8,925	8,627	298	6,290	3,110	- 409	1,022	805	2,554	2,852	9,699	7,369	2,330	5,182	4,110,032	0.6
	Total	47,779	52,224	- 4,445	34,057	11,198	6,337	4,889	4,355	28,662	24,217	40,065	28,884	11,181	35,398		
2003	1	8,685	10,145	- 1,460	7,954	2,407	1,582	1,086	931	6,974	5,514	9,813	7,546	2,267	7,781	4,114,657	0.5
2003	2	14,379	14,407	- 28	9,688	2,315	1,407	1,337	1,430	8,873	8,845	10,552	6,925	3,627	12,472	4,123,937	0.6
2003	3	15,923	13,093	2,830	9,459	4,099	1,374	1,558	1,828	7,004	9,834	10,395	6,972	3,423	13,257	4,133,968	0.6
2003	4	9,295	7,612	1,683	8,132	3,433	657	1,028	797	5,125	6,808	9,737	7,877	1,860	8,668	4,139,409	0.7
	Total	48,282	45,257	3,025	35,233	12,254	5,020	5,009	4,986	27,976	31,001	40,497	29,320	11,177	42,178		
2004	1	9,984	9,674	310	8,966	2,746	1,098	1,010	762	7,070	7,380	9,740	7,840	1,900	9,280	4,145,498	0.7
2004	2	15,204	12,162	3,042	10,155	3,204	- 509	1,345	1,412	6,509	9,551	10,334	7,174	3,160	12,711	4,155,017	0.8
2004	3	15,109	12,731	2,378	10,362	3,909	2,830	1,544	2,148	9,887	12,265	10,394	7,223	3,171	15,436	4,167,227	0.8
2004	4	10,760	8,705	2,055	7,543	2,969	754	1,039	979	5,268	7,323	10,022	7,687	2,335	9,658	4,173,658	0.8
	Total	51,057	43,272	7,785	37,026	12,828	4,173	4,938	5,301	28,734	36,519	40,490	29,924	10,566	47,085		
2005	1	11,239	10,184	1,055	10,505	2,398	1,537	1,017	928	9,555	10,610	9,761	8,118	1,643	12,253	4,182,755	0.9
2005	2	17,172	14,446	2,726	12,167	2,758	582	1,338	1,671	10,324	13,050	10,455	7,305	3,150	16,200	4,195,764	1.0
2005	3	16,631	13,459	3,172	12,450	3,454	2,969	1,576	2,574	12,963	16,135	10,745	7,111	3,634	19,769	4,212,306	1.1
2005	4	8,948	8,689	259	9,653	2,899	- 483	1,006	1,045	6,310	6,569	9,866	7,701	2,165	8,734	4,217,814	1.1
	Total	53,990	46,778	7,212	44,775	11,509	4,605	4,937	6,218	39,152	46,364	40,827	30,235	10,592	56,956		

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		Interprovincial			International											
Year	Quarter	In	Out	Net	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net NPR	Temporary abroad	Returning emigrants	Net	Total net migration	Births	Deaths	Natural increase	Total increase	Population at end of quarter	Annual growth rate (%)
2006	1	12,294	10,411	1,883	10,270	2,401	1,734	1,025	1,091	9,669	11,552	9,858	8,054	1,804	13,356	4,228,013	1.1
2006	2	15,223	11,737	3,486	11,473	2,769	639	1,334	1,922	9,931	13,417	10,723	7,445	3,278	16,695	4,241,691	1.1
2006	3	19,163	15,244	3,919	11,021	3,648	3,552	2,094	2,965	11,796	15,715	10,951	7,263	3,688	19,403	4,258,216	1.1
2006	4	12,150	8,639	3,511	9,321	3,102	-1,913	1,112	847	4,041	7,552	10,197	7,926	2,271	9,823	4,265,161	1.1
	Total	58,830	46,031	12,799	42,085	11,920	4,012	5,565	6,825	35,437	48,236	41,729	30,688	11,041	59,277		
2007	1	11,705	8,467	3,238	7,972	2,734	4,274	1,126	876	9,262	12,500	10,108	8,177	1,931	14,431	4,276,777	1.2
2007	2	15,164	10,827	4,337	9,497	2,836	2,425	1,430	1,533	9,189	13,526	11,123	7,591	3,532	17,058	4,290,988	1.2
2007	3	19,576	13,449	6,127	12,208	3,525	4,751	1,802	2,165	13,797	19,924	11,577	7,563	4,014	23,938	4,312,048	1.3
2007	4	10,587	7,513	3,074	9,293	2,895	-1,467	1,204	969	4,696	7,770	10,841	7,977	2,864	10,634	4,319,805	1.3
	Total	57,032	40,256	16,776	38,970	11,990	9,983	5,562	5,543	36,944	53,720	43,649	31,308	12,341	66,061		
2008	1	11,851	9,224	2,627	10,127	2,353	2,919	1,197	955	10,451	13,078	10,486	8,574	1,912	14,990	4,331,948	1.3
2008	2	15,382	12,567	2,815	11,592	2,517	4,926	1,558	1,678	14,121	16,936	11,238	7,863	3,375	20,311	4,349,412	1.4
2008	3	16,951	13,739	3,212	12,714	3,293	7,670	1,799	2,038	17,330	20,542	11,738	7,565	4,173	24,715	4,371,250	1.4
2008	4	9,479	7,284	2,195	9,569	2,673	2,305	1,194	896	8,903	11,098	10,814	8,095	2,719	13,817	4,382,189	1.4
	Total	53,663	42,814	10,849	44,002	10,836	17,820	5,748	5,567	50,805	61,654	44,276	32,097	12,179	73,833		
2009	1	11,143	9,672	1,471	9,244	2,275	5,643	1,224	952	12,340	13,811	10,710	8,256	2,454	16,265	4,395,638	1.5
2009	2	13,488	10,371	3,117	10,848	2,094	2,093	1,547	1,562	10,862	13,979	11,428	7,520	3,908	17,887	4,410,679	1.4
2009	3	14,579	11,543	3,036	12,116	2,989	7,119	1,754	2,109	16,601	19,637	11,937	7,674	4,263	23,900	4,431,701	1.4
2009	4	8,899	6,851	2,048	9,231	2,647	1,477	1,217	1,014	7,858	9,906	10,918	7,990	2,928	12,834	4,441,657	1.4
	Total	48,109	38,437	9,672	41,439	10,005	16,332	5,742	5,637	47,661	57,333	44,993	31,440	13,553	70,886		
2010	1	11,474	9,861	1,613	9,629	2,488	4,202	1,199	977	11,121	12,734	10,568	7,896	2,672	15,406	4,454,248	1.3
2010	2	14,517	12,486	2,031	12,895	2,431	-1,535	1,592	1,776	9,113	11,144	11,218	7,839	3,379	14,523	4,465,924	1.3
2010	3	14,420	12,957	1,463	13,508	3,615	5,225	1,791	1,916	15,243	16,706	11,386	7,461	3,925	20,631	4,483,677	1.2
2010	4	9,639	8,534	1,105	8,153	2,682	-7,222	1,198	857	-2,092	-987	10,654	8,128	2,526	1,539	4,482,338	0.9
	Total	50,050	43,838	6,212	44,185	11,216	670	5,780	5,526	33,385	39,597	43,826	31,324	12,502	52,099		
2011	1	10,899	10,119	780	7,614	2,499	1,316	1,190	841	6,082	6,862	10,531	8,273	2,258	9,120	4,488,643	0.8
2011	2	12,896	12,823	73	9,671	2,524	1,033	1,584	1,548	8,144	8,217	11,337	7,838	3,499	11,716	4,499,139	0.7
2011	3	15,411	15,721	-310	9,882	3,789	8,679	1,714	2,034	15,092	14,782	11,779	7,497	4,282	19,064	4,518,203	0.8
2011	4	8,834	8,678	156	7,619	3,297	-2,272	1,385	877	1,542	1,698	10,482	8,356	2,126	3,824	4,522,027	0.9
	Total	48,040	47,341	699	34,786	12,109	8,756	5,873	5,300	30,860	31,559	44,129	31,964	12,165	43,724		
2012	1	10,024	12,009	-1,985	8,658	2,830	1,871	1,332	877	7,244	5,259	10,402	8,337	2,065	7,324	4,529,351	0.9
2012	2	14,324	14,896	-572	10,087	2,596	2,863	1,334	1,581	10,601	10,029	11,111	7,983	3,128	13,157	4,542,508	1.0
2012	3	13,060	13,976	-916	9,029	3,837	8,997	1,714	2,034	14,509	13,593	11,549	7,635	3,914	17,507	4,560,015	0.9
2012	4	6,695	7,818	-1,123	8,468	3,342	-5,627	1,385	877	-1,009	-2,132	10,966	8,403	2,563	431	4,560,446	0.8
	Total	44,103	48,699	-4,596	36,242	12,605	8,104	5,765	5,369	31,345	26,749	44,028	32,358	11,670	38,419		
2013	1	9,027	9,412	-385	8,105	2,868	2,486	1,332	877	7,268	6,883	10,646	8,646	2,000	8,883	4,569,329	0.9
2013	2	15,048	14,492	556	10,134	2,631	2,082	1,334	1,581	9,832	10,388	10,992	8,084	2,908	13,296	4,582,625	0.9
2013	3	13,008	13,290	-282	8,928	3,880	11,723	1,714	2,034	17,091	16,809	11,531	7,729	3,802	20,611	4,603,236	0.9
2013	4	8,482	9,203	-721	9,045	3,381	-4,890	1,385	877	266	-455	10,531	8,592	1,939	1,484	4,604,720	1.0
	Total	45,565	46,397	-832	36,212	12,760	11,401	5,765	5,369	34,457	33,625	43,700	33,051	10,649	44,274		
2014	1	11,740	10,442	1,298	9,561	2,902	2,486	1,331	877	8,691	9,989	10,569	8,652	1,917	11,906	4,616,626	1.0
2014	2	18,570	16,598	1,972	9,917	2,661	2,088	1,334	1,581	9,591	11,563	11,107	7,994	3,113	14,676	4,631,302	1.1
2014	3	14,552	10,336	4,216	7,985	3,880	14,328	1,714	2,034	18,753	22,969	11,664	7,988	3,676	26,645	4,657,947	1.2
2014	4	9,752	7,196	2,556	7,697	3,381	-6,953	1,385	877	-3,145	-589	10,854	8,940	1,914	1,325	4,659,272	1.2
	Total	54,614	44,572	10,042	35,160	12,824	11,949	5,764	5,369	33,890	43,932	44,194	33,574	10,620	54,552		
2015	1	14,162	10,356	3,806	6,766	2,902	-1,095	1,331	877	2,315	6,121	10,571	9,072	1,499	7,620	4,666,892	1.1
2015	2																
2015	3																
2015	4																
	Total	14,162	10,356	3,806	6,766	2,902	-1,095	1,331	877	2,315	6,121	10,571	9,072	1,499	7,620		

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Note: Net NPR denotes the net change in Non-Permanent Residents.
Due to revisions on the part of Statistics Canada, the sum of the components may not equal the population change.
"-" indicates no data available. All figures subject to revision.